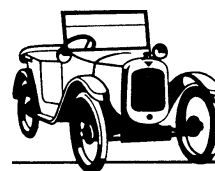


Midlands Austin 7 Club Ltd



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT BEOLEY VILLAGE HALL

AT 8 PM ON TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2019

Present

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| Brem Bremner-Smith | Director and Club Chairman |
| John Ward | Club President |
| Ian Devey | Director, Company Secretary and Club Treasurer |
| Arthur Davies | Spares King |
| Elaine Devey | Social Secretary |
| Andy Lowe | Events Secretary |
| John Roberts | Member without portfolio and Auctioneer |
| Ron Rudge | DVLA Secretary |
| Dave Trickett | Membership Secretary and Webmaster |
| Sheila Turner | Regalia Sales Secretary |
| W Paul Baxter | |
| Nigel Bishop | |
| Vivian Bishop | |
| Rick Bishop | Chairman designate |
| David Bowlas | |
| Robin Boyce | |
| Jenny Bremner-Smith | |
| Richard Chorley | |
| Colin Ford | |
| Rikk Harrison | |
| Martin Holloway | |
| Gwilym Jones | |
| Charlie Plain-Jones | |
| Hazel Purcell | |
| Ken Turner | |
| Mary Walsh | |
| Peter Walsh | |
| Ray Warrington | |
| Bob Prophet | Club Secretary |

Apologies

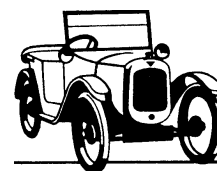
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| Lesley Marriner | Editor |
| Keith Marriner | |
| Clive Danks | |
| Bob Wimmer | |

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Welcome

1. The Chairman welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting held for the second time in the pleasant and welcoming Village Hall at Beoley. He noted that the first Club Evening had been held at the Hall two years ago.





Minutes of last Meeting

2. The Minutes of the last AGM held on 25 Sep 18, having been previously distributed after the AGM, were agreed to be a true record of proceedings, were proposed by Andy Lowe, seconded by Rick Bishop, were agreed by all present and were duly signed.

Matters Arising

3. There were no matters arising. However, it was noted by a couple of members that they had not received last year's Minutes: the Secretary assured them that the Minutes had been despatched by e-mail shortly after the AGM and by post with the November printed Newsletter. [**Secretary's Note.** The same will happen this year and any member who does not receive the Minutes by the Christmas meal at the latest is asked to contact the Secretary].

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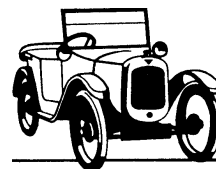
Chairman's Report

4. The Chairman reminded members that this report, his last, was a diary of the year's activities and of thanks to a number of members:

- **30 Oct 18 – Bring 'n Buy:** greatly helped by a garage clear-out by the Belcher household: thanks to them, John Roberts with his gavel (conrod?) and to the Devey accounts team.
- **21 Oct 18 – Autumn Leaves:** thanks to the participants, to the Attridges for coffee and biscuits at the start and to management and her driver for the route.
- **26-28 Oct 18 – Classic Car Show at NAC:** very cold in a cattle shed and not our usual hall; MA7C will not be exhibiting in Oct 19.
- **9-11 Nov 18 – Classic Car Show at NEC:** again masterminded by and congratulations to Andy Lowe, Arthur Davies, Colin Ford, Rick Bishop and others.
- **27 Nov 18 – Talk:** a most interesting talk by Nigel Bishop about Jephson Gardens in Leamington Spa. According to a number of anoraks, nobody has been christened Nigel this year: MA7C must treasure such a rarity...
- **11 Dec 18 – Christmas Dinner:** a novelty as it was our first dinner at Beoley and it was hot and served with a flourish and a smile. One criticism – a shortage of sprouts: a lot of wind about nothing...
- **29 Jan 19 – Alternative Bring 'n Buy:** again driven by John Roberts with the usual help from the Deveys and the Bickleys.
- **26 Feb 19 – Talk by Paul Leyser:** set up at short notice, a fascinating talk with film on Trialling by an ubiquitous barman.
- **22-24 Mar 19 – Practical Classics Restoration Show at NEC:** headed by Ian Devey and ably assisted by Rick Bishop who re-wired Colin Ford's Ruby; unfortunately, they were let down by a shortage of battery power.
- **26 Mar – Bring 'n Buy:** John Roberts and the team squeezing money out of members.



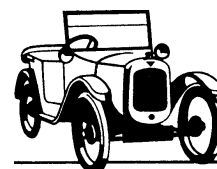
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- **28 Apr 19 – Cotswold Run:** remembered primarily for the run down the Roman Ryknild Street and the railway activity alongside the M7. Thanks again to the Attridges for a very popular afternoon tea, to Jenny and your 'umble servant whose fault it was anyway.
- **30 Apr 19 – Noggin 'n Natter:** 'nuff said.
- **27 May 19 – Wings and Wheels at Bidford:** an excellent showing by MA7C and well scattered around; the group of Mazda M5s looked like a dockside car park with few punters.
- **28 May 19 – Skittles:** a lively and noisy evening controlled by Sandra Francis and well supported by many. Competition won by Ian Devey.
- **25 Jun 19 – Fish 'n Chips:** 32 members and a happy barman enjoyed fish 'n chips delivered some 8 miles and still piping hot.
- **10 Jul 19 – Manor Farm Run:** blessed with excellent weather, 2 long off-road runs and 3 good food and drink stops but not many members.
- **6-7 Jul 19 – Chateau Impney:** a small but enthusiastic presence under the leadership of Andy Lowe and team to whom many thanks. Better attendance next year, hopefully.
- **27 Aug 19 – Bring an Interesting Item:** thin on the ground but some interesting items.
- **14-15 Sep 19 – Stoke Prior Steam Fair:** a small, dispersed group of MA7C cars at this very friendly show which should appeal to members with plenty to do and see.
- **24 Sep 19 – AGM:** his last!

5. The Chairman went on to say that the move from Old Silhillians to Beoley on his watch had pleased him most, thanks to the Turners who attended a jazz night at Beoley and suggested it. An interesting selection of speakers had addressed us, most notably Rusty Waughman, former Lancaster pilot. The Chairman bemoaned missing the evening at The Bulls Head having split the Skittles and Fish 'n Chips evenings. He then thanked the committee for their support: Bob Prophet for prodigious minute-taking and one month of Newsletter editing and to Liz for feeding the committee whilst the old man was off the road at DVLA's insistence; Ian Devey, ably assisted by Elaine and Louise, for keeping him up to the mark with number-crunching and for running the Club stand at the March Classic Car Show; Lesley Marriner for keeping him up to the mark with copy dates, something which his bosses at Rover failed to achieve, and for producing an interesting and well-appreciated Newsletter despite a shortage of articles from committee and members; Dave Trickett for controlling tightly the membership status, the list, e-distribution and e-notices; Arthur Davies for keeping a supply of parts, for local knowledge, for transport and for technical support; Sheila Turner for her Regalia personship which she has filled for more years than he had been Chairman: he thanked Sheila specifically on behalf of himself and of the Club for her devotion and hard work; Ron Rudge who works away quietly in the background regaining original numbers; John Roberts (Gavel Man) for his humour and ability to extract money from some deep pockets; Andy Lowe for organising events at NAC, NEC and Chateau Impney; last but not least John and Jill Philps for the distribution of the Newsletters and Grey Mags by mail.





Secretary's Report

6. The Secretary made a plea for non-committee members to volunteer to run the monthly raffle. He explained that it involved buying prizes to a total value of £10 and selling as many tickets as possible: the cost of the prizes to be extracted from the ticket sales and the profit to the Treasurer for the Club's benefit. Most committee members held a supply of raffle tickets.

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Treasurer's Report

7. The Treasurer explained the accounts saying that the Club's worth was governed by variable income and by (mainly fixed) expenditure: certain expenses such as Hall hire cost the same regardless of the numbers attending. He said that the Club had made a profit of £1,634. He noted that current membership stood at 116 whereas this time last year it had been 131. He had devised a table whereby the Club's ability to survive financially was measured in Member numbers; using this yardstick, he explained that, for different categories of expenditure (hire of the Hall, Accountant's fees etc), the Club needed a certain number of members. He made the point that member numbers were dwindling and that the added income from Regalia sales by the forceful and persuasive Sheila and from Spares by a knowledgeable Arthur made a useful addition to the funds. Raffle ticket sales helped the situation enormously.

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8. The Treasurer went on to tell the AGM that the committee had decided to dispense with Limited Liability status at the end of the Club's financial year (31 Jan 20); the basis for this was that its protection was no longer required as MA7C Ltd was no longer organising events (such as Longbridge) which could be expensive in the event of a major disaster; coincidentally, this move would save relatively small registration fees with Companies House. The question was asked about A7CA's views on this subject: the Treasurer promised to find out. One or two members questioned whether or not the move was worth it. The Treasurer promised further consultation with members before a decision was made. He explained that an abbreviated copy of the Club Accounts was attached to these Minutes and that any member who wished to peruse the full accounts as produced by the Accountant was welcome to ask for a copy.

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DVLA Secretary's Report

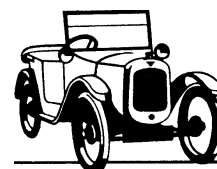
9. The DVLA announced a quiet year with seven enquiries including changing age-related numbers. He said that his Opal documents showed that its MoT had expired instead of exempt. The Secretary suggested that members read the article in a recent Newsletter on this subject.

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Editor's Report

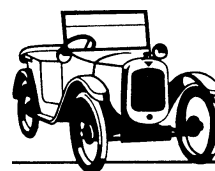
10. The Editor regretted her absence but reported that this year had been one of ups and downs as far as production of the Newsletter had been concerned: the downs had





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| <p>been due mainly to technical failure of some kind or another, culminating in the death of the Laptop's hard drive. Conversely, she reported that, in good months, she had received a number of articles to print; in July/August, for instance, she had received so many that she had kept back some copy as sequels which was rare. She reported that producing a Newsletter could be a bit of a battle with little input from most members, with the exception of her regulars, Rikk, John and Angela. She had heard that criticism of their input had been voiced to which she had suggested that other members get off their hands and produce something themselves; the committee echoed this and looked forward to a flood of interesting articles and photographs from other members hitherto less keen to support but still read the Newsletter. The Editor reminded the AGM that copy did not have to be exclusively Austin Seven. In conclusion, she was happy that, on the whole, it had been a good year: she hoped to continue to do her best for the Club. It was asked whether or not text and photographs could be separated in the Newsletter. This was deemed to be too difficult especially as many photographs were relevant to a particular article.</p> | <p>All</p> |
| <p>Membership Secretary's Report</p> | |
| <p>11. The Membership Secretary reported that membership stood at 116. The question was asked how the membership numbering system worked: the Membership Secretary explained that, apart from a few early numbers allocated in perpetuity to committee members, numbers were allocated on a first come, first served basis: number 13 was not issued. It was suggested, also, that the membership cards could be printed with both the Club name and member's name; it was thought that this would be too expensive although plastic membership card holders have been purchased. These will be issued with membership cards and it is hoped that they will be worn on all Club occasions.</p> | <p>All</p> |
| <p>Regalia Sales Secretary's Report</p> | |
| <p>12. The Chairman reminded the meeting that Sheila would be standing down at the end of January. Sheila said that she would be delighted to guide whoever was taking over through the minefield of suppliers etc.</p> | <p>Volunteers?</p> |
| <p>Spares</p> | |
| <p>13. Arthur Davies reminded the AGM that he always carried spares in his van and that he had more at home; he had sold little during the year because, he believed, owners were no longer restoring or breaking and repairing their cars and, therefore, buying Club spares from him.</p> | <p>All</p> |
| <p>Website</p> | |
| <p>14. The Webmaster said that the website rental was to rise to about £50 per annum: this would allow the storage of more data. The Webmaster welcomed help and advice from members.</p> | <p>All</p> |





Awards

15. The Chairman announced that the following had won the Club Awards for the year:

- Chairman's Award: Sheila Turner
- Editor's Award: Brem Bremner-Smith
- Enthusiast's Award: Colin Ford
- Secretary's Award: Brem Bremner-Smith

Election of Officers

16. The Chairman told the meeting that the entire Committee had stood down in accordance with the Constitution and that volunteers were sought to replace them. They were conspicuous by their absence. Fortunately, the old committee had expressed an unanimous willingness to be re-elected. The President then reminded the AGM that the Chairman, Brem Bremner-Smith, was not seeking re-election and that one member had volunteered for the role – Rick Bishop. The President proposed and John Roberts seconded Rick Bishop and the President asked for a show of hands in favour: agreed. The President then proposed and John Plant seconded the re-election of the remainder of the committee: this was agreed by the members. He then reminded the AGM that Sheila, whilst up for re-election at the AGM, would stand down at the end of January.

17. Brem Bremner-Smith then stood down; the President proposed and the Secretary seconded a vote of thanks to Brem for his years of guidance of and devotion to the Club. The President said that he was delighted that Brem had agreed to remain on the committee as a member without portfolio but with an Ordnance Survey map with which to plan and run – with his faithful management at his side – the Cotswold and Autumn Leaves runs and, perhaps, others.

18. The new Chairman, Rick Bishop, then took the chair and spoke briefly about dwindling numbers, inevitable in view of the natural aging process. He said that he looked forward to serving the Club in his new post which he last held some 20 years ago.

Any Other Business

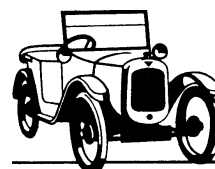
19. The following Other Business was raised and discussed:

- Bring 'n Buy. John Roberts, he without portfolio but with gavel, reminded members that a great deal of effort went into a Bring 'n Buy but that he needed items to sell in order to make the evening a success. Items did not have to be Austin Seven-related as all sales helped Club funds.
- Limited Company. The President reminded members that Brem and Ian were Directors of MA7C Ltd and that they would remain as such until the end of January. However, he asked the committee to ensure that cancelling the Limited Company status was the right thing to do in the best interests of the Club and its members.

Committee



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- MG Car Club. David Bowlas told the AGM that MGCC were holding a taster car trial event on **Sunday 13th October 2019** at East Lodge Farm, Fox Lane, Bromsgrove (approach via Sunningdale Road B61 7NN). The event was open to MA7C and was designed to give Novices a taster of the sport. Further details were available from David Bowlas and entry forms were available from the Entries Secretary, Tony Lake, 7 Belvedere Close, Dallington, Northampton NN5 7DW, tel: 01604 589104 or 07821 165575, e-mail: tonylake134@hotmail.co.uk.

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Forthcoming Events

20. A draft diary of events for 2019/2020 is shown below:

- **Sun 20 Oct 19:** Autumn Leaves (two vacancies to make up two groups of 12)
- **Tues 29 Oct 19:** Bring 'n Buy
- **Tues 26 Nov 19:** Noggin 'n Natter
- **Tues 10 Dec 19:** Christmas Meal at Beoley Village hall
- **Tues 28 Jan 20:** Alternative Bring 'n Buy (unwanted Christmas presents...?)
- **Tues 25 Feb 20:** Film/Talk (tbd)
- **Tues 31 Mar 20:** Bring 'n Buy
- **Sun 26 Apr 20:** Cotswold Rally (tbc); Drive it Day
- **Tues 28 Apr 20:** Talk? (tbd)
- **Tues 26 May 20:** Skittles
- **Tues 30 Jun 20:** Fish 'n Chips
- **Tues 28 Jul 20:** Bring your car to Beoley Evening Rally and/or meal?
- **Tues 27 Aug 20:** Noggin 'n Natter
- **Tues 24 Sep 20:** Annual General Meeting
- **Tues 29 Oct 20:** Noggin 'n Natter
- **Sun 20 Oct 20:** Autumn Leaves (tbc)

Date of next Annual General Meeting

21. The next Annual General Meeting will be held in Beoley Village Hall at 8 pm on Tuesday 29th September 2020.

22. There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.25 pm.

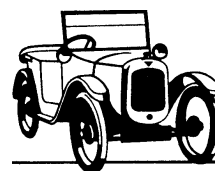
Chairman:

September 2020

Secretary:



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TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY 2019

| | Year Ended 31 st January 2019 | |
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| | Income | Expenditure |
| | £ | £ |
| Income (Membership, Spares, Regalia, Raffle) | 5,399 | |
| Expenditure | | |
| MA7C Newsletter and A7CA Grey Magazine | | 1,071 |
| Show Expenses | | 835 |
| Purchases – Stock (spares and regalia) | | 119 |
| Room Hire (Beoley) | | 225 |
| Postage and Stationery | | 934 |
| Subscriptions (FBVC, A7CA) | | 53 |
| Accountant's Fees | | 300 |
| Professional Fees (Companies House) | | 15 |
| Depreciation | | 185 |
| Sundry Expenses | | 271 |
| Website Expenses | | 27 |
| | <u>5,399</u> | <u>3,765</u> |
| NET PROFIT/(LOSS) | | <u>1,634</u> |

